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**DECLARATION
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
Original Application**

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As a below named inventor, I declare that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in this Declaration, that the information given herein is true, that I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor if only one name is listed at 201 below, or a joint inventor if plural inventors are named below at 201 et seq., of the invention entitled:

SANITIZING FOOD PRODUCTS

described in

the attached specification or
 the specification in application Serial No. 09/761,707 filed 18 January 2001, amended

(for declaration not accompanying application)

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that I acknowledge a duty to disclose information I am aware of which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56(a), that I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof, or more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application and that as to applications for patent or inventor's certificate filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America, the earliest filed foreign application(s) filed within twelve months prior to the filing date of this application and all foreign applications filed more than twelve months prior to the filing date of this application are identified at 600, and, as required, 601 below.

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No earlier-filed applications
 Required information as to foreign applications filed prior to filing date of this application is at 601 on page 2 attached hereto and made a part hereof.

POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. (List name and registration number)

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I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statement and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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<i>Terry J. Traeder</i>	<i>Richard A. Minzenberger</i>	<i>Donald T. Black</i>
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LISTING OF EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE U.S. FILING DATE OF THIS APPLICATION. LIST ALL APPLICATIONS FILED ON DATE OF FIRST FILING, IF MORE THAN ONE (1).

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (DAY, MONTH, YEAR)	PRIORITY OF WHICH IS CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 119
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Group Art Unit: 1761

Inventors: Traeder et al.

Filed: January 18, 2001

Title: SANITIZING FOOD PRODUCTS

CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE UNDER 37 CFR 1.48(a)(5)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Praxair Technology, Inc., the assignee of the above-captioned application by virtue of an assignment from Terry J. Traeder, Richard A. Minzenberger and Liangji Xu which was recorded by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 1, 2001 at Reel 011854, Frame 0086, hereby consents to the addition of Richard Gaber as a co-inventor in the above-captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,

PRAXAIR TECHNOLOGY, INC.

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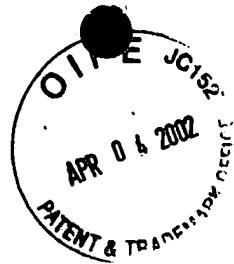
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.48(a)(2)

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

I, Richard Gaber, make this statement in connection with my being added as a co-inventor in the above-captioned application. The error in inventorship in not naming me as a co-inventor in this application occurred through error which occurred without any deceptive intention on my part.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated


Richard Gaber

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